

Committee Notes – Joint Meeting
Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID
November 10, 2011

Attendance: HED Committee Members Present: John Tronson, Chairperson; Thaddeus Smith, Dan Chismire. Not Present: Carol Massie, Jim McPartlin, Don Mushin, and Mark Supper. SVBID Committee Members Present: Fred Rosenthal, Chairperson; Fabio Conti, Roxanna Sassanian. Not Present: Patrick Olmstead. Liaisons: Steve Seyler, Joe Salazar, Mike Harkins, and Bill Farrar Andrews International; Staff: Kerry Morrison, Joe Mariani Jr., Hollywood Property Owners Alliance. Guests: None.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairs Fred Rosenthal and John Tronson at 10:14 a.m.
- II. Public Comment: No Public Comment
- III. Meeting Notes: The committee approved their meeting notes from October 13, 2011.
- IV. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International: Joe Salazar briefed the committee on activities from the last month. Salazar reported that the officers for both BIDs have continued to remain busy responding to calls for service. Thus far, for the year, the two BIDs have recorded just over 3,100 radio calls for service. These calls have included such complaints as aggressive patrons, complaints about a local medical marijuana clinic in the Sunset and Vine BID, to typical quality of life issues. Salazar also said that the BID officers have continued outreach efforts to homeless individuals in Hollywood. The officers recently aided one gentleman in finding clothing after our officers discovered him at the Laundromat with just a sweatshirt around his waist. For the year the teams have made a total of approximately 882 arrests in the Hollywood BID and 270 arrests in the Sunset and Vine Business Improvement District.

B. Report from LAPD: LAPD was not present at the meeting. However, Kerry Morrison reported that later today her and some members from the committee will be meeting with Captain Girmala to discuss the recent uptick of violent incidents occurring in the early morning hours after many club patrons leave. Thaddeus Smith, also said that he will be there to discuss with the Captain a potential program, similar to one used in West Hollywood, where club promoters have to be licensed prior to being hired.

C. Report from LA Sheriff's Department: LASD was not present at the meeting.

VI. New Business

A. BID Security Budgeting for 2012

1. Andrews Change Order for 2012: Morrison reminded the committee that both the Clean Streets and Andrews contracts will be expiring at the end of 2011. Morrison said that a change order is currently being discussed for both contracts, including a potential one year

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renewal of the Andrews contract which would allow the committee to bid out the contract next year. Morrison also suggested that for the change order the two BIDs consider combining the contract into one, to allow Andrews to more easily use resources in the two BIDs. The committee said the idea could be a good one, and Fred Rosenthal stated that his only concern would be that the Sunset and Vine BID may not be getting their share of patrol time. Morrison said that she would work with Bill Farrar, Steve Seyler, and Joe Salazar on ensuring that SVBID officers are doing their patrols, as is currently documented through Andrews Billing, Officer Logs, and the SFW system which tracks arrests occurring in the SVBID.

2. Status of Video Surveillance Camera System: Mariani reported that it has come to the attention of the BID staff that LAPD has not been monitoring the camera system on a regular basis. Recently a transmitter at Hollywood and Whitley was stolen for the second time this year and the staff was not informed until a month later. Metro Video informed Mariani of the stolen property after going to the station to do a routine check of the system. As the board annually pays for the maintenance contract for the cameras he felt it was the boards' decision to decide if the camera contract should be renewed. John Tronson voiced his concern about the cameras and said they are a valuable tool for LAPD that can be maintained. Mariani reviewed a few options going forward, to which the Committee felt that the staff should discuss with LAPD the possibility of installing a DSL line in the station to put the cameras on the web so they could be monitored by BID security, with no control of the system, but basically to alert Metro Video when cameras are down.

V. Old Business

A. Homeless Outreach Update:

a. Winter Shelter: Morrison informed the committee that Hollywood's first winter shelter the Hollywood STAR (Shelter for Those At Risk) will be open from January 8 – March 4, 2012 at Hollywood Presbyterian. The shelter will have 35 beds, including 5 emergency beds for LAPD's identified homeless clients.

b. Homeless Outreach: Morrison reported that the staff is working with various homeless agencies at the request of LAPD to do targeted outreach over the next few months to identify individuals who are homeless and living in the Hollywood area. The goal of the initiative is to identify who is living in Hollywood and see how we can help put them into supportive services.

VII. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 10 a.m. in Suite 200 of the Taft Building (1680 Vine St., Los Angeles, CA. 90028).

VIII. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Committee Chairs Fred Rosenthal and John Tronson at 11:37 a.m.